



Town of Emmitsburg Water Bill Newsletter



Snow Removal Reminders:

Emmitsburg Municipal Code; Section 12.16.010



Before the Snow Storm:

- * Remove all basketball hoops and other play items from street/curbside.
- * Move vehicles from snow emergency routes (if applicable, designated by signs).

After the Snow Storm:

- * Within 24 hours remove snow from any public sidewalks that border property.
- * Within 24 hours remove ice from any public sidewalks that border property.
- * Do not blow/shovel snow into already cleared streets.

New Sidewalk Do's and Don'ts:

If the sidewalk adjacent to your property was replaced this year, **do not** use products containing salt (chloride). Chloride reacts with the aggregate in the concrete to scale and delaminate it. Many "safe concrete" deicers have chloride in them.



- ✓ **Do:** Use kitty litter, sand, or fireplace ashes to de-ice sidewalks. Wash or sweep (if cold) any concrete that gets salt deposited on it from your car.
- ✗ **Don't:** Use products containing salt (chloride), Magnesium Chloride (Mag), or Sodium Chloride (Salt).

Project Updates:

Dog Park – Fence installed. Minor grading and mulching, waterline, benches, pet waste stations, etc. still needed.

Estimated completion: Early spring 2018.

Pool – Concrete shell finished. Back filling and electrical/plumbing work needed.

Work will cease after completion of these items until early spring 2018.

Estimated completion: May 2018.

Emmit Gardens Playground – MDE application approved. Awaiting ADA asphalt path and playground equipment installation.

Estimated completion: Spring 2018

Rt. 140 Revitalization project/square – Continued concrete work in square and installing new electrical conduits.

Estimated completion: June 2018

Flat Run Bridge Project – Demolition continues, agreement to move waterline pending.

Estimated completion: December 2019



Bi-Monthly Yard Waste & Recycling Drop Off

When: 1st and 3rd Saturday
between 9:00 a.m. and Noon.

Where: Emmitsburg
Waste Water Treatment Plant
16707 Crystal Fountain Rd.

Cost: FREE. Residents only.
Verified with photo ID.

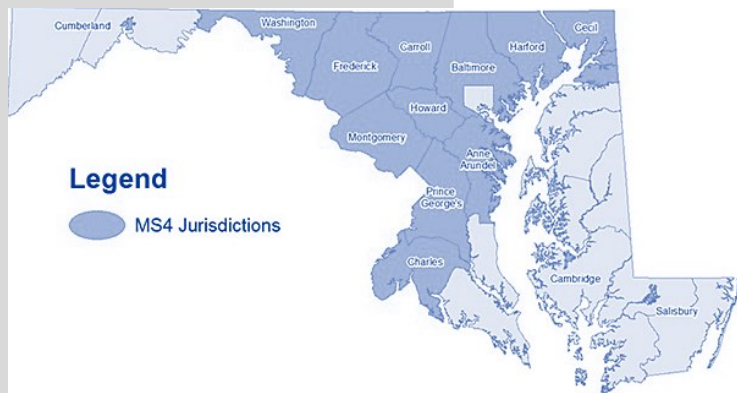
What: Yard trimmings and
brush in biodegradable bags.
Specifics on Town website.



Dates To Remember

- ☑ **Water Bills Due:**
Monday February 5, 2018
- ☑ **Town Office Closed:**
January 15, 2018
- ☑ **Town Meetings @ 7:30:**
January 8, 2018
February 5, 2018
March 5, 2018
- ☑ **Next Bulk Trash Pick-Up**
April 14, 2018
- ☑ **Next Water Bills Due:**
Monday May 7, 2018





Emmitsburg MS-4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems)

Federal EPA regulations and Maryland state law requires that municipalities undertake activities and have policies and procedures in place to protect and improve water quality in their local streams, which eventually lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland has implemented this law via the Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit Program (MS-4), intended to reduce

and eliminate stormwater pollution. In the first phase of program implementation, Emmitsburg is required to document activities undertaken in six categories: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post Construction Management, Pollution and Good Housekeeping. Activities range from mapping all the stormwater ponds and all the stormwater inlets and discharge points along Town roads, providing information via our website, literature rack, Green Team activities, use of a street sweeper on Main Street, to having procedures in place in case of spills. In the next phase of the program, the Town will need to undertake projects to either reduce the amount of impervious (water can't get through) area in the town, or do other things to help reduce the amount or slow down the speed of stormwater runoff. These can include the planting of trees, inspection training for staff, ordinance changes to allow alternative types of paving materials, inspections of stormwater ponds and stormwater inlets, etc.

As activities are planned, there will be a need for volunteers. Upcoming tree planting efforts in Emmitsburg will be provided in the next newsletter, along with opportunities to volunteer.

Help us reduce the amount of stormwater pollution, the erosion of streams, and improve the water quality in our local streams as well as the Chesapeake Bay by volunteering to plant trees.

Emmitsburg Riparian Forest Buffers

Part of the MS-4 program is reducing the amount of stormwater runoff by undertaking efforts to slow water down and have it infiltrate back into the ground and our water supply. Streamside or riparian (derived from a Greek word meaning "on or near the shore") are one of the most effective and least expensive ways to protect rivers and their tributaries. Riparian buffers filter sediment and pollutant runoff from non-point sources such as streets, storm drains, and parking lots, and provide extensive root systems that "lock" soil particles together, slowing erosion. The organic layer on the riparian forest floor, made up of leaves, twigs and fallen logs, create a natural "sponge" that stores water and nutrients, and converts fertilizers and pollutants into environmentally-safe compounds that can be absorbed by trees and vegetation. In addition, riparian forests shade streams and cool water temperatures, providing a desirable habitat for entire ecosystems of macroinvertebrates, fish, and mammals.

More information at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/publications/Sink.aspx>.



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